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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An electronic guide system, comprising:
 - a fixed-location beacon associated with a plurality of landmarks to transmit electronic signals containing descriptive information of each of the landmarks;
 - a client device physically separated from the beacon to receive the electronic signals containing the descriptive information of each of the landmarks when placed by a user within a transmission range of the beacon;
 - a viewing direction sensor that determines viewing direction of the user to cause the client device to provide the user with the descriptive information of one of the landmarks at which the user is looking.
2. (Original) The electronic guide system of claim 1, wherein the fixed-location beacon further comprises
 - a landmark data store that stores the descriptive information of each of the landmarks;
 - a transmitter coupled to the landmark data store to transmit the electronic signals containing the descriptive information of the landmarks.
3. (Original) The electronic guide system of claim 2, wherein the transmitter transmits the electronic signals periodically, constantly, or only when activated by external stimulus.
4. (Original) The electronic guide system of claim 2, wherein the fixed-location beacon further comprises an updating module that updates the descriptive information stored in the landmark data store.

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5. (Original) The electronic guide system of claim 2, wherein the transmitter transmits the electronic signals wirelessly or through wire-line, wherein if the transmitter transmits the electronic signals through wire-line, the client device is regarded to be within the transmission range of the beacon when the client device is coupled to the transmitter of the beacon by the wire-line.

6. (Original) The electronic guide system of claim 1, wherein the beacon transmits the descriptive information of the landmarks using multiple communication channels, each channel for transmitting the electronic signals of the descriptive information of one of the landmarks.

7. (Original) The electronic guide system of claim 1, wherein the beacon multiplexes the electronic signals containing the descriptive information of the landmarks such that the descriptive information of the landmarks is transmitted by a single communication channel.

8. (Currently amended) An electronic guide system, comprising:
a fixed-location beacon associated with a plurality of landmarks to transmit
electronic signals containing descriptive information of each of the
landmarks;
a client device physically separated from the beacon to receive the
electronic signals containing the descriptive information of each of
the landmarks when placed by a user within a transmission range of
the beacon;
a viewing direction sensor that determines viewing direction of the user to
cause the client device to provide the user with the descriptive
information of one of the landmarks at which the user is looking.
The
electronic guide system of claim 1, wherein the viewing direction
sensor is located within the client device.

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28. (Previously presented) The electronic guide system of claim 1, wherein the viewing direction sensor further determines the direction of the user to cause the client device to provide the user with a relative direction of one of the landmarks at which the user desires to look.

29. (Previously presented) The electronic guide system of claim 1, wherein the viewing direction sensor further determines the direction of the user to cause the client device to provide the user with a relative direction of the fixed-location beacon.